



# MINUTES

## SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Friday, February 8, 2019 | 7:59 a.m. | 30 House Building

**Members Present:**

Sen. Allen M. Christensen, Senate Chair  
Rep. Paul Ray, House Chair  
Rep. Raymond P. Ward, House Vice Chair  
Sen. Luz Escamilla  
Sen. Keith Grover  
Sen. Todd Weiler  
Rep. Kim F. Coleman  
Rep. Jennifer Dailey-Provost  
Rep. Brad M. Daw  
Rep. Sandra Hollins  
Rep. Marsha Judkins  
Rep. Adam Robertson

Rep. Norman K. Thurston

**Members Absent:**

President J. Stuart Adams  
Sen. Kirk A. Cullimore  
Sen. Daniel Hemmert  
Rep. Travis M. Seegmiller

**Staff Present:**

Mr. Russell T. Frandsen, Fiscal Analyst  
Ms. Clare Tobin Lence, Fiscal Analyst  
Ms. Maddy Oritt, Fiscal Analyst  
Ms. An Bradshaw, Committee Secretary

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [www.le.utah.gov](http://www.le.utah.gov).

### 1 . Call to Order

Chair Ray called the meeting to order at 8:19 a.m. and excused Rep. Seegmiller.

### 2 . Carbon County Opioid Crisis and Town Hall – Update

Mr. Russell Frandsen, Fiscal Analyst, Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst (LFA), presented the update to the committee.

### 3 . Update for Money Spent in Carbon County

[6-Opioid Overdose Summary Report](#)

Ms. Karen Dolan, Chief Executive Officer, Four Corners Community Behavioral Health, spoke about the opioid crisis in Carbon and Emery Counties.

[6b-Feb 8th Presentation One Page Flyer](#)

[6c-Opioid Suicide - Carbon County - 2-8-2019](#)

Ms. Debbie Marvidikis, Health Promotion Director, Southeastern Utah Health Department, spoke about opioid suicide rates in Carbon and Emery Counties.

Mr. Craig PoVey, Prevention Program Administrator, Department of Human Services, spoke about the impact the legislature's funding for programs has had on suicide and opioid overdose prevention.

Chair Ray commented on the funding for Carbon and Emery Counties and asked if there are additional needs. Ms. Dolan and Mr. PoVey responded.

Chair Ray commented on the topic and the importance of preventing opioid addiction through better treatment of injuries.

Rep. Ward commended Carbon and Emery Counties' focus on prevention and also spoke of the relationship between blue collar jobs and frequent injuries resulting in treatment, too often, with opioids.

#### **4 . Department of Health's Base Budget**

Mr. Frandsen presented the Base Budget to the committee.

Dr. Joe Miner, Executive Director, Department of Health (DOH), added information to the presentation.

Chair Ray asked for clarification on Utah's suicide rates and Mr. Frandsen responded.

Rep. Thurston questioned some of the rankings and Mr. Frandsen and Dr. Miner responded.

Mr. Frandsen continued his presentation with the DOH's Executive Director's Operations Base Budget and listed motions for the committee to consider.

Ms. Shari Watkins, Finance Director, DOH, and Dr. Miner responded.

Chair Ray asked if the intent language worked for the department and Ms. Watkins and Mr. Frandsen responded.

Rep. Judkins asked for clarification on the payback timeline and Chair Ray, Dr. Miner, and Ms. Watkins responded.

#### **5 . DHS - Division of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS) - Base Budget**

##### [10c-DAAS Purposes - 2019 GS](#)

Ms. Clare Tobin Lence, Fiscal Analyst, LFA, explained the Base Budget.

Mr. Nels Holmgren, Director, Division of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS), explained the services provided by the division.

Rep. Ward asked about the waiting list for waivers and Mr. Holmgren responded.

Ms. Lence discussed motions for the committee to consider.

Ms. Lence discussed a possible budget reduction option.

Mr. Holmgren responded to the budget reduction suggestion.

#### **6 . DAAS - New Funding Requests**

##### [11-Adult Protective Services - Funding Request](#)

Mr. Holmgren explained the funding request to the committee.

Ms. Nan Mendenhall, Assistant Director, Adult Protection Services (APS), DAAS, described the increase in the workload for her office and the need for more case workers and investigators.

#### **7 . DHS - Office of Public Guardian (OPG) - Base Budget**

Ms. Lence noted that the new Director of the Office of Public Guardian (OPG), Ms. Xia Erickson, was present. Ms. Erickson introduced herself. Ms. Lence continued with her presentation and explained possible motions for the committee to consider.

[12b-OPG Purposes - 2019 GS](#)

[13-Office of Public Guardian - Funding Request](#)

Ms. Erickson explained the purpose of OPG and some of its success stories.

Rep. Hollins asked for clarification of the budget needs of OPG and Ms. Erickson responded.

Sen. Escamilla asked for information about budget requests and Ms. Erickson responded.

Ms. Lence explained motions for the committee to consider.

**MOTION:** Sen. Christensen moved to approve the following motions from the sheet entitled "Social Services Subcommittee - Motions for Subcommittee Consideration" dated 1/25/2019: #CA1, #CA3-#CA5, and #CD1-#CD3. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 8.

Yeas-9

Sen. A. Christensen  
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost  
Rep. B. Daw  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. K. Grover  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. M. Judkins  
Rep. P. Ray  
Rep. A. Robertson

Nays-0

Absent-8

Sen. J. Adams  
Rep. K. Coleman  
Sen. K. Cullimore  
Sen. D. Hemmert  
Rep. T. Seegmiller  
Rep. N. Thurston  
Rep. R. Ward  
Sen. T. Weiler

**8 . Review of Department of Health's Medicaid Services Budget**

Mr. Frandsen reviewed the Medicaid Services Budget:

9b Performance Measure Trends That May be of Interest

9c Caseload Trends That May be of Interest

9d Report on Compliance and Savings Psychotropic Drug Preferred Drug List

9e Federal Funds and Intergovernmental Transfers - Department of Health Issue Brief

9f Motions for Subcommittee Consideration (blue sheet) - Medicaid Services and Associated Funds, All BJ Motions

Rep. Robertson asked for clarification of some of the motions and Mr. Nathan Checketts, Deputy Director, DOH, responded.

Mr. Frandsen continued with his explanation of motions for consideration.

Rep. Judkins asked for clarification of the budget requests and Mr. Frandsen responded.

**MOTION:** Sen. Christensen moved to approve all the BD and BJ motions, excluding BJ16, BJ17, BJ18, and BJ20, and changing the date on BD2 from 2024 to 2026, from the sheet entitled "Social Services Subcommittee - Motions for Subcommittee Consideration" dated 1/25/2019

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**9 . Other Business**

Mr. Frandsen explained Budget Reduction Options (orange) - Chair Proposal 2-7-19.

Sen. Christensen reminded the committee that the only way to reallocate funds is through judicious cuts.

**MOTION:** Rep. Daw moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 8.

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Chair Ray adjourned the meeting at 10:09 a.m.